MEB and Hahway Sales Catalogue

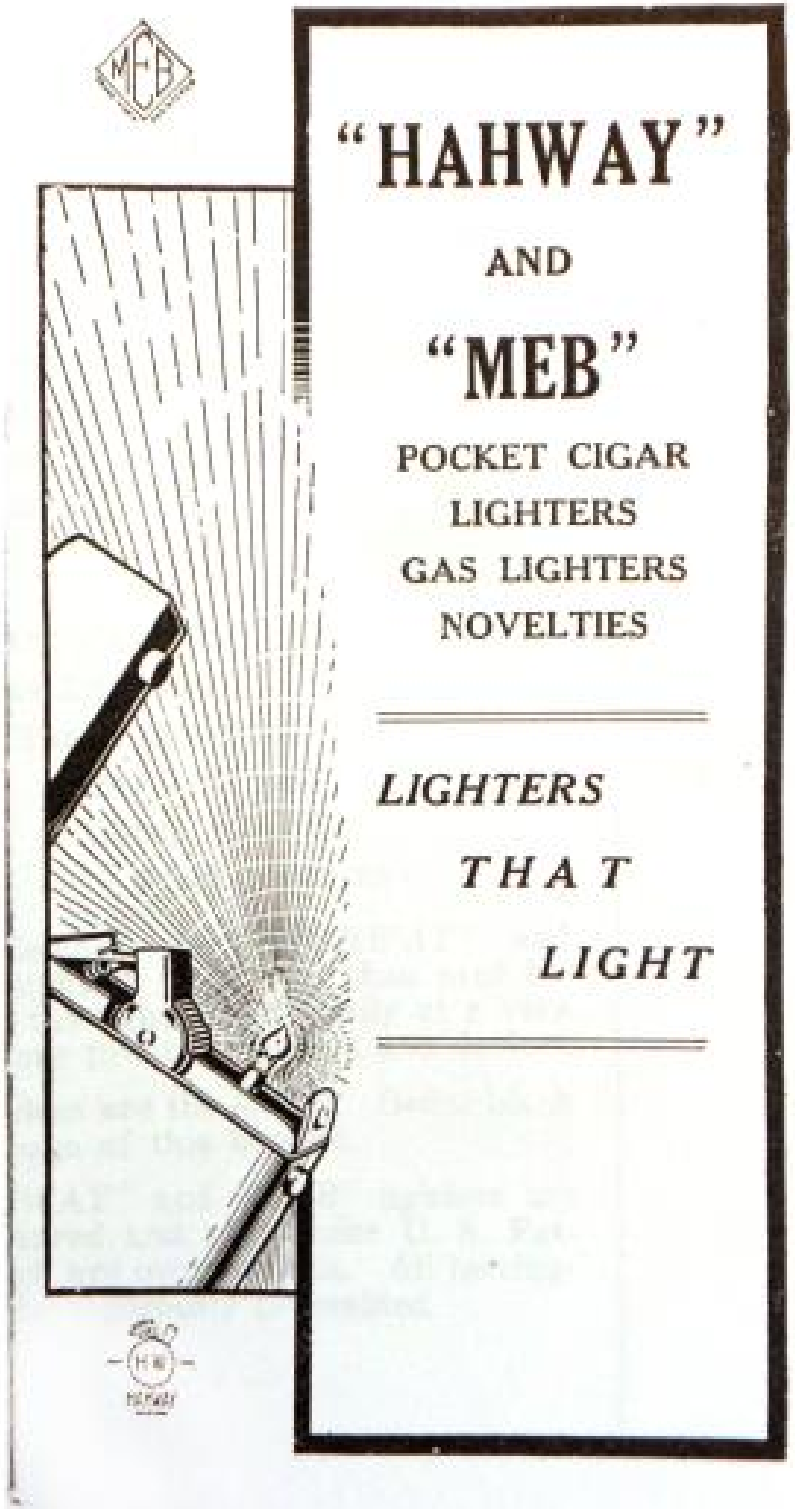
Introduction by Larry Tolkin

It is very fascinating to view this sales catalogue. If you collect vintage automatics or are a general collector, you own lots of MEB and Hahway lighters. I have no exact date, although I think this catalog is late 1920's. I hope this catalogue adds some understanding for the models you own. I have included the pencils and other novelties also sold by MEB as they are part of the catalogue.

MEB is Max E Bernhardt of New York and is one of the most important inventors, manufacturers and distributors of lighters and men's accessories. Bernhardt, originally from Austria, realized the potential for sales and profits was the emerging U.S. market. The flint striker lighter was first invented in Austria in 1903 and was introduced into the USA in 1906. The technology quickly evolved via the round cut mini flint to develop wheel wick mechanisms and then the automatic press button mechanisms circa 1909-1910.

I believe MEB started importing lighters from both Austria and Bavaria (Germany) circa 1910. The Hahway automatic models he sold were invented by Hoffmann and Wild of Germany in 1909. He also developed his own models and manufactured in New York City. By the late 1920's-MEB was a success with a complete line of pocket, table, and novelty lighters as seen in this catalogue. MEB also sold many flat tube lighter inserts to other manufacturers such as Weidlich Brothers (WB Mfg.) of Bridgeport, CT to use in their own line of art deco table lighters. MEB also had the rights to patent # 1022140 which was used by Dunhill New York for all their lift arm models.

If you collect fun vintage lighters-make sure to add some unusual MEB models to your collection.



"HAHWAY" and "MEB"

lighters are practical and reliable and serve their purpose better than the dangerous match.

The most complete line of lighters for home, office, as well as outdoor use, is listed on the following pages, comprising *"HAHWAY"* and *"MEB."*

POCKET CIGAR LIGHTERS
GAS LIGHTERS
TABLE LIGHTERS
WALL LIGHTERS
WIND LIGHTERS
FUSE LIGHTERS

The demand for *"HAHWAY"* and *"MEB"* lighters is greater than ever before and the lighters sell easily at a very satisfactory profit to jobbers and dealers.

Our prices are the lowest. Order blank on last page of this booklet.

"HAHWAY" and *"MEB"* lighters are manufactured and sold under U. S. Patents which are owned by us. All infringers will be vigorously prosecuted.

SPARKING STONES

There is a continuous and ever increasing demand for refills for "HAHWAY" and "MEB" lighters and we can furnish Round or Square Sparking Stones either in bulk or in small envelopes put up as desired.

WICKS

Extra FUSE WICKS for use in Non-Liquid Cigar Lighters put up in **hanks** of 5 ft. each. Also furnished cut up in pieces 5½ inches in length. Extra wicks for Wheel and Automatic Lighters furnished as desired.

Always keep an extra supply of Sparking Stones and Wicks on hand.

No. 80. "MEB"
No. 81 "HAHWAY"
WHEEL LIGHTERS

U. S. Patent, April 2, 1912

No. 80

Small, thin vest-pocket models. Very reliable.

Made in two finishes.

No. 80. Plain Nickeled.

No. 81. Enameled — Assorted colors.

Just Turn Wheel To Light

No. 86 & 87
"HAHWAY"
WHEEL LIGHTERS

U. S. Patent, April 2, 1912

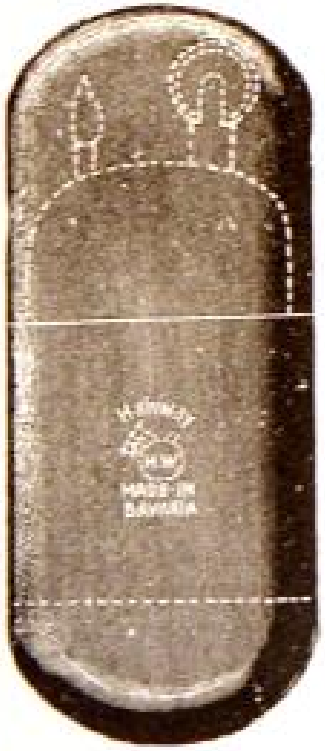
Broad thin models.

Extra large tank. One filling of benzine lasts a long time.

No. 86. Plain Nickeled.

No. 87. Striped Nickeled.

Just Turn Wheel To Light



No. 86

No. 89

No. 89. "HAHWAY"
Cigarette-Shaped Lighter

U. S. Patent, April 2, 1912

Looks just like a cigarette, and is almost the same size.

Highly polished in white enamel with gold colored tip.

Practical and novel lighter.

Just Turn Wheel To Light

No. 84. "MEB" Combination
Cigar Lighter and Pencil

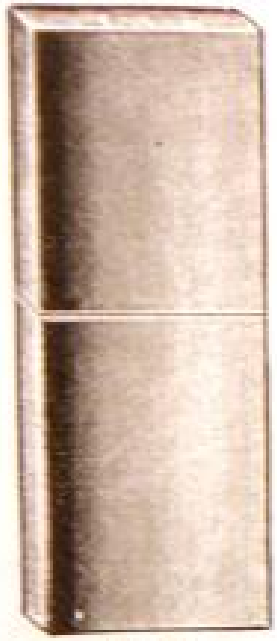
U. S. Patent, April 2, 1912

No. 84

A very handy and novel combination.

A genuine repel and expel pencil on one end and a cigar or cigarette lighter on the other. Has clip attachment making it look just like an ordinary pencil.

Raise the cap of pencil and turn the wheel and you have a light.



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No. 25 & 26. "MEB" WHEEL LIGHTERS

U. S. Patent, April 2, 1912

Flat thin model.

Made in two finishes.

No. 25. Brass Polished.

No. 26. Nickeled.

Remove cover and turn wheel to light.

No. 375. "MEB" SHOE POCKET LIGHTER

U. S. Patent, April 2, 1912

A practical new novelty. Exact reproduction of a shoe.

Can be attached to watch chain.

Pull out top of shoe and turn the wheel to light.

No. 375. Actual Size

Made in two finishes.

No. 375N Gun-metal.

No. 375G Nickel.

No. 40. "MEB" COMBINATION LIGHTER AND ASH TRAY

U. S. Patent, April 2, 1912

Very attractive cigar lighter and ash tray.

Practical for home and office use. Easily detached from tray. Can be used as a candle.

Beautifully finished in polished or ribbed brass.

Lift cap and turn wheel to light.

No. 40

No. 104

No. 104. "HAHWAY" Clip Cigar Lighter

Practical and durable.

A sure light when wanted.

Just raise cap to light.

Has a large container for Benzine or Gasoline. One filling will last for some time.

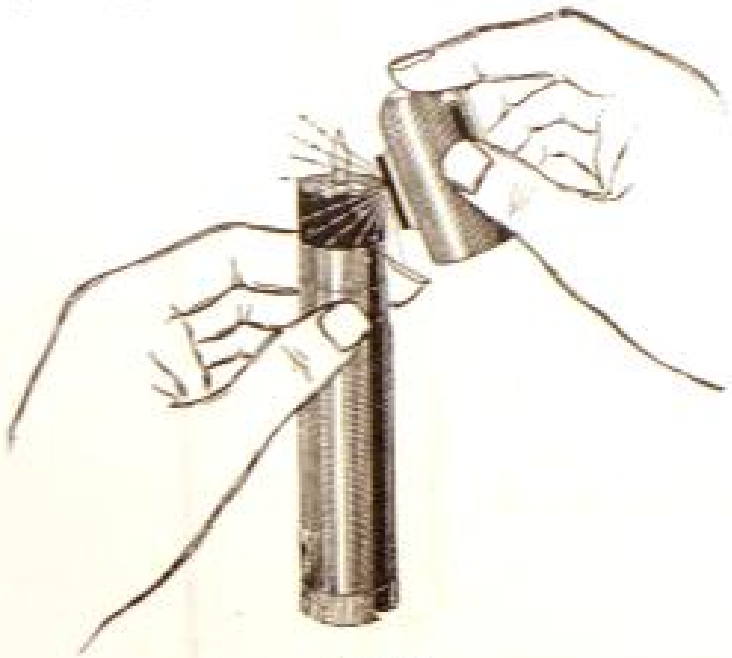
Nickel Finished.

No. 102. "HAHWAY" LIGHTER

A very reliable lighter.

Has special container for benzine or gasoline, making frequent refills unnecessary.

Just remove cap and strike against the steel top of lighter.



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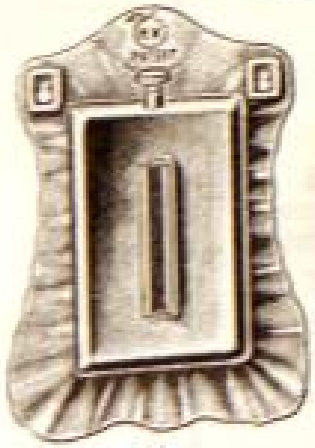
No. 14 & 14B. "HAHWAY" WALL LIGHTERS



No. 14

A real home necessity. Does away with the dangerous match. Can be fastened wherever wanted.

Just pull out scratcher and scrape against stone to light.

No. 14. With large sparking stone. Good for 30,000 lights.

No. 14B. With smaller sparking stone. Good for 15,000 lights.

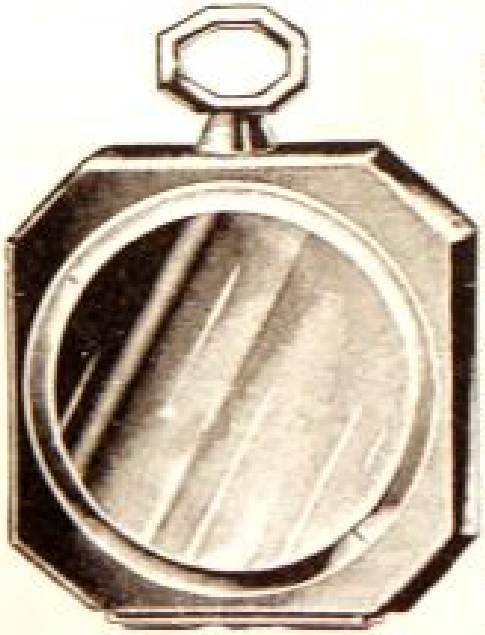
No. 360. "HAHWAY" LEATHER CASE CIGAR LIGHTER

Small, thin model, light in weight, enclosed in a beautiful leather case, can be easily taken apart and put together again. Easiest and simplest way of exchanging sparking stone. Most perfect and reliable lighter made. Beautiful in appearance, very practical.

Pull out scratcher and scrape against sparking stone to light.

No. 360

No. 185. "HAHWAY" COMBINATION POCKET MIRROR AND LIGHTER



No. 185

Combines cigarette lighter and mirror.

Nickeled or fancy finish.

Easy renewal of sparking stones. Large tank for fluid.

Pull out striker and scrape against sparking stone on bottom of lighter.

No. 185N. Nickeled.

No. 185F. Fancy finish.

Packed individually with instructions.

No. 74. "HAHWAY" ENAMELED SCRATCH LIGHTER

No 74

Attractive and Practical lighter.

Made up in highly polished enameled finish, in assorted colors. Silver-plated cap.

Thin model, easily carried in vest pocket.

Operated by scraping sparking stone with scratcher.

Large sparking stone good for 30,000 lights.

No. 202 and 202N. IMPROVED "HAHWAY" GAS LIGHTERS

No. 202

Easily operated, a safe home necessity. Just push trigger down and gas is lit. Best gas lighter on the market.

No. 202. Gun Metal Finish—Plain Handle.

No. 202N. Nickeled, Black Polished Handle, with ring for hanging up.

No. 5. "MEB" SNAP-A-LITE WIND LIGHTER

U. S. Patent, July 30, 1912

The best and easiest operated wind lighter ever made.

Lights in the strongest wind.

Operated with one hand. Just snap the lever down with the thumb to light.

No wheels to turn with thumb.

Easy renewal of sparking stones.

No. 5. Actual Size

No. 5. Showing How Lighter Is Operated

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A Real Wind Lighter.

No. 8. "MEB" WIND LIGHTER WITH RING ATTACHMENT

Lights in the strongest wind.

No need to turn wheel with finger or thumb.

To light raise cap and give ring attachment quick turn.

Finished in black enamel with ribbed body, brass top.

No. 8

No. 310. "MEB" WIND LIGHTER

U. S. Patent, April 2, 1912

No. 310

Very practical for indoor and outdoor use.

Lights in the wind.

Simple and very handy.

Highly polished nickel finish.

Remove cap — Turn wheel to light.

No. 50. "MEB" Wind Lighter with Leather Case

U. S. Patent, April 2, 1912

Very handy and neat model, highly polished brass finish. Lights in the strongest wind.

Each lighter in genuine leather cover, making it convenient to carry in pocket. Cover need not be removed when lighter is used.

To operate pull up cap and turn wheel to light. Over ¼ million of these lighters already in use in the U.S.

No. 50

No. 120

No. 120. "MEB" Stormproof Candle Lighter

No wheel to turn. A practical tube shaped pocket lighter in highly polished brass finish.

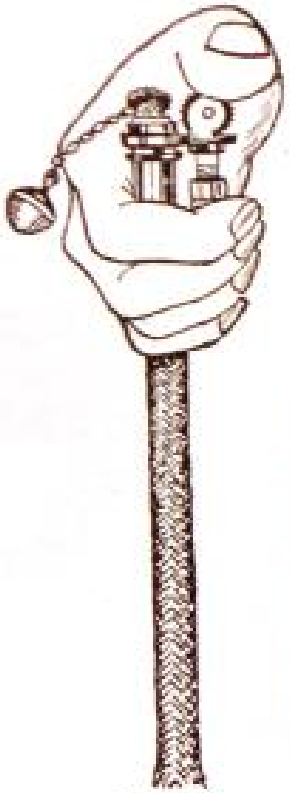
Lights in the strongest wind.

To operate: Remove cap and simply raise perforated part on top upwards to light.

Useful for outdoors and wherever a light is wanted.

No. 400 and 500. "MEB" NON-LIQUID FUSE LIGHTERS

U. S. Patent, April 2, 1912

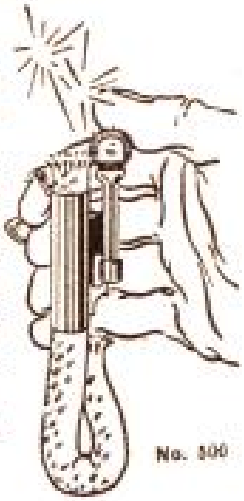


No. 400

No. 400. Lights in the strongest wind. No benzine required. Body made of seamless brass, highly nickeled polished with regulator for sparking stone.

No. 500.

Body made of one piece metal polished. Lowest priced pocket cigar lighter in the world. The stronger the wind the better it burns. No liquid required.



No. 500

No. 300. "MEB" POCKET WATCH CIGAR LIGHTER

U. S. Patent, Feb. 3, 1914

Built and shaped like an ordinary watch.

Thin nickeled model, highly polished. Can be worn on a chain. Fits in vest-pocket.

Just Press the Knob To Light.

No. 300

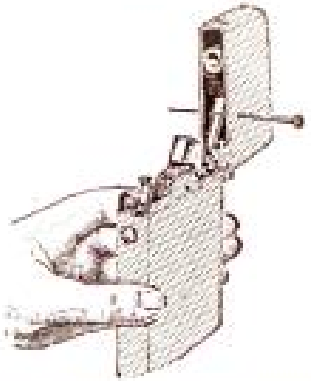
No. 31. "HAHWAY" AUTOMATIC LIGHTER

U. S. Patent, Feb. 3, 1914

No. 31

Positively the best automatic lighte made. Operated with one hand.

Highly polished, nickeled finish. Eas to fill. Easy renewing of sparking stone.



Showing easy renewing of Sparking Stone

Press the Button and there is a Light

No. 33. "MEB" BULLY REVOLVER LIGHTER

U. S. Patent, Feb. 3, 1914

No. 33. Actual Size

Improved model.

Shaped just like a Browning pistol. Easily carried. Beautiful model.

Operated by just pulling the trigger.

33N. Nickeled Finish.

33G. Gun Metal Finish.

No. 325. "MEB" NO-CASE SAFETY RAZOR

No. 325

New, practical novelty, can be carried in vest pocket without bulging. Light weight. When not in use, blade can be carried in the blade holder enclosed in the bottle shaped container.

The "MEB" container does the trick.

Gillette style and wafer blades can be utilized.

No. 1526 and 1527. MECHANICAL PENCILS

No. 1526
Actual
Size

Beautifully engine-turned pencils.

No. 1526. Medium Leads.

No. 1527. Thick Leads.

Leads are over five in. long, eliminating the frequent refilling of leads that is necessary with the ordinary pencil.

Has clip attachment and can be carried in the pocket.

Nickeled finish.

Put up six pencils on wooden display stand, as illustrated on page 20.

No. 450. EXTENSION RULER PENCIL

½ Actual
Size
when
Closed

Combines a pencil and a ruler.

When fully extended the ruler is 12 inches long. Has inch measurements on one side and centimeter measurements on the other side.

½ Actual Size, Showing pencil fully extended.

Three extra leads in reservoir of every pencil.

Packed one dozen on card.

No. 451. UMBRELLA PENCILS

2/3 Actual Size

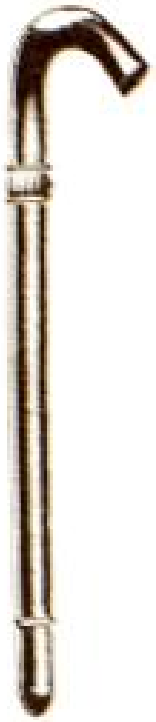
A novelty shaped pencil. Looks just like a closed umbrella.

Assorted colors. Put up six pencils on a display stand.

A very useful novelty.

1/3 Actual Size

No. 448. CANE PENCILS



2/3 Actual Size

Shaped just like a cane. Every cane contains a pencil.

Assorted colors.

Put up six canes on a display stand.

A good seller.

1/3 Actual Size

THE "HAHWAY" AND "MEB" LINE

SAMPLE CASE

ORDER BLANK

Date.....

Please ship as soon as possible the quantities noted below.

For samples mark X after numbers desired.

No.	X	Quantity	No.	X	Quantity
500			300		
102			5		
80			8		
104			40		
400			50		
89			120		
81			33N		
74			33G		
86			360		
87			202		
185N			202N		
185F			14B		
25			14		
26			325		
310			451		
375N			448		
375G			1526		
84			1527		
31			450		

All samples will be charged at wholesale prices.

.....Wicks for No.....

.....Sparking Stones for No.....

Enclosed Cert. Check ☐ M. O. ☐ for $.....

Name .....

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WALL LIGHTERS, WIND LIGHTERS
FUSE LIGHTERS, NOVELTIES

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